

From: Dean Charter
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 12:01 PM
To: Kristin Alexander
Subject: RE: TD Bank Sign Landscaping Plan

The plan shows some Holly, some Spirea, and some daylilies. These are all pretty "cast iron" plants, and should do OK. They are also short enough to not block the sign.

Looks OK

From: Kristin Alexander
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2011 11:43 AM
To: Dean Charter
Subject: TD Bank Sign Landscaping Plan
Importance: High

Hi Dean,

TD Bank has applied for a sign special permit for the bank site they have planned at 408 Mass Ave. As you probably remember, the Acton Zoning Bylaw (Section 7.8.3) requires certain amounts and types of landscaping around freestanding signs:

7.8.3 A FREESTANDING SIGN shall be integrated into the landscape design of the LOT or parcel. It shall be centered within a landscaped area located on the LOT or parcel with a minimum area in square feet to be equal to the overall height of the SIGN multiplied by two, by the power of two. (Example - SIGN height = 6 feet: 6 ft. x 2 = 12 ft.; 12 ft. x 12 ft. = 144 sq. ft. = minimum landscaped area). Such landscaped area shall be planted and maintained with suitable vegetation including shrubs and flowering perennials surrounding the base of the FREESTANDING SIGN. The landscaped area required under this section may be provided as part of a landscaped area required under any other section of this Bylaw.

The size of the landscaped area proposed around the TD Bank freestanding sign complies with the Acton Zoning Bylaw.

Can you please review the attached landscape plan proposed for the area surrounding the TD Bank freestanding sign and let me know if you believe it complies with the intent of Zoning Bylaw Section 7.8.3: the portion I've highlighted above? If you could provide me with your comments by 5:00 PM today (Tuesday 2/15/11), I'd really appreciate it (the hearing is tonight). If you cannot provide me with your comments by tonight, by sometime this week, if possible, would be great.

Thank you.

Kristin